

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2011

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 20, 2011**

Commission File Number: **1-5273-1**

**Sterling Bancorp**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

New York	<b>13-2565216</b>
(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue , New York, New York 10019-6108  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(212) 757-3300**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

NA

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

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**ITEMS 2.02 AND 7.01**

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On October 20, 2011, the Company announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2011. The Company's press release announcing these results and containing certain other information is included as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d)Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 20, 2011. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2011 and unaudited consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the press release shall be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 rather than furnished pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: October 21, 2011

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN  
JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit  
Number

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2011

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